

REMARKS

Claims 2-6, 9, 11, 31-32 and 38 have been amended. Claims 1, 7-8, 10, 12-19, 35-37 and 39-43 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 44-48 have been added. Claims 20-30 and 33-34 were withdrawn from consideration. With entry of the amendment, claims 2-6, 9, 11, 31-32, 38 and 44-48 will be pending.

The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled and withdrawn claims in a continuation application. In other words, the Applicant does not acquiesce to any of the rejections.

The abstract was objected to for containing the phraseology "capable." The disclosure on page 3, line 1 was objected to for including the word "DETAILED." The disclosure was further objected to because the patent number was missing from page 6, line 5 of the specification. Each of these items has been addressed. Therefore, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Claims 12 and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for insufficient antecedent basis. These claims have been canceled without prejudice, and therefore this rejection is moot.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10, 12-19, 31, 32 and 35-43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Holderith (3,654,925) in view of Coleman, et al. (5,736,033) and in further view of Cohen, et al. (6,225,123).

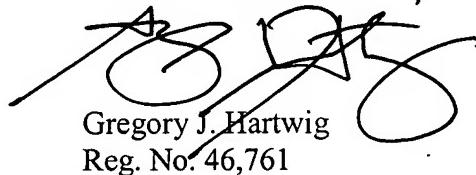
The Examiner objected to claims 2, 6 and 11. Each of these claims has been written in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, independent claims 2, 6 and 11 are allowable.

Claims 3-5 and 31 were amended to depend from allowable claim 2, and therefore are allowable. Claims 44-47 were added and depend from allowable claim 6, and therefore are allowable. Claims 9, 32 and 38 were amended to depend from allowable claim 11, and therefore are allowable. These dependent claims may also contain additional patentable subject matter for reasons not explicitly set forth herein.

In view of the foregoing, claims 2-6, 9, 11, 31-32, 38 and 44-48 are allowable.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-6, 9, 11, 31-32 and 38, as well as consideration and allowance of claims 44-48, are respectfully requested. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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